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# WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1962

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## WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,  
15, Mill Road,  
Worthing.

May, 1963.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1962.

### **Vital Statistics**

There are no outstanding changes in the figures given. The population continues to increase by immigration to the District of retired people. This, of course, creates a bigger and bigger geriatric problem in this area. Amongst the deaths for 1962 there were five more male than female, compared with 44 more female than male in 1961. The increase in male deaths was due in the main to coronary heart disease and cancer of the lung. There were 36 male cases of cancer of the lung, compared with 17 in 1961. In my opinion many of these would not have occurred but for cigarettes.

### **Geriatric Services**

As mentioned above, the continual influx of retired people into the District brings a constantly increasing strain on the already overtaxed geriatric services. Compared with a few years ago there are many more beds provided by the Hospital Service for geriatric cases, but there are still nothing like enough to provide the hospital care that is required. The Geriatrician does a magnificent job in arranging for those in greatest need to be admitted as soon as possible, and in providing short stay visits to hospital to give relatives a chance of a rest and a holiday. It is wonderful the way some relatives do look after their aged sick at home for years and it is essential that they get occasional breaks. The Voluntary Services, District Nursing Services, and General Practitioners in this District spend a large part of their time caring for the elderly, with the result that they are working under much greater stress than in areas which have a younger population.

### **Food Premises**

A considerable amount of time is spent by the Public Health Inspectors in visiting and re-visiting premises where food preparation takes place, in order to do two important things. Firstly, to see that everything is in order and the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations are met, and secondly, to carry out some most important health education. If a food handler happens to be a symptomless carrier of some food poisoning organism, by neglect of simple hygiene he could cause an outbreak of infection from a spotlessly clean kitchen. This is why continuous health education by Public Health Inspectors is necessary. Unfortunately, it is

not a practical proposition at present to test every food handler regularly to determine whether he is the carrier of some pathogenic organism.

The Council have always regarded seriously any complaints regarding food and food premises, but they have been extremely careful to be fair to the food producers and have usually not considered prosecution where the offence was clearly accidental and without evidence of negligence. This is desirable, provided none escapes punishment for some preventable offence.

### Conclusion

I wish to thank most sincerely all the Officers of the Council and others who have provided me with information for inclusion in this Report.

I also thank Mr. Oates once again for his excellent leadership of the Public Health Inspectors and control of the day-to-day running of the Department.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Worthing Rural District Council.



## SECTION A

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 29,809.

Resident Population (1962) estimated by Registrar General 39,000.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1962, according to Rate Books, 15,116.

Rateable value (1962), £779,479.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate, £3,085.

### EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births :			Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	...	...	478	252	226
Illegitimate	...	...	34	19	15
Stillbirths	...	...	11	4	7
Deaths	...	...	775	390	385
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	13.1
Corrected Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	13.8
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	...	21.03
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	19.9
Corrected Death Rate	...	...	...	...	15.3
Infant deaths, 8.					
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total 15.6.					
"    "    "    "    "    "	..	..	..	..	—legitimate 16.7.
"    "    "    "    "    "	..	..	..	..	—illegitimate Nil.
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 13.7					
(first four weeks).					
Early Neo-natal mortality rate per 1000 live births—13.7 (under one week).					
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 live and stillbirths), 34.4.					
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births—3.6 per cent.					
Maternal deaths (including abortion), nil.					
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths, nil.					
Deaths from cancer (all ages), 139.					

## COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1962

			England and Wales	West Sussex Urban	West Sussex Rural	Worthing R.D.
Birth Rate	...	...	18.0	14.8	14.7	13.1
Death Rate	...	...	11.9	14.9	14.2	19.9
Infantile Death Rate	...	...	20.7	18.7	22.1	15.6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis						
Death Rate	...	...	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05
Cancer Death Rate	...	...	2.2	2.8	2.7	3.6
Maternal Mortality Rate						
per 1,000 births	...	...	0.35	0.5	0.0	0.0

## Comparative Statistics, 1933—1962

			No. of inhabited houses	Average number of persons per house
1933	...	16,306	5,477	2.99
1938	...	23,640	8,822	2.68
1945	...	24,260	8,996	2.46
1950	...	29,600	10,010	2.95
1955	...	31,230	11,455	2.72
1956	...	31,690	11,969	2.65
1957	...	32,370	11,910	2.72
1958	...	33,470	12,411	2.69
1959	...	34,770	13,030	2.67
1960	...	35,330	13,657	2.59
1961	...	37,970	14,618	2.59
1962	...	39,000	15,116	2.58

# **PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1962**

Deaths Registered during the year 1962, classified by age and cause

Causes of Death	All Ages	MALES					FEMALES				
		Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	TOTAL	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis respiratory ...	2							1	1		2
2. Tuberculosis, other ...											
3. Syphilitic disease ...	2				1	1		1			1
4. Diphtheria ...											
5. Whooping cough ...											
6. Meningococcal infections .											
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ...											
8. Measles ...											
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	2	1				1				1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	16		2	5	1	8		4	3	1	8
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	44		13	12	11	36		4	2	2	8
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	13						1	3	5	4	13
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2							1	1		2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	57		8	6	15	29	3	6	11	8	28
15. Leukæmia, Aleukæmia ...	7		2		2	4	2	1			3
16. Diabetes ...	4				2	2				2	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	111	2	4	15	25	46		10	9	46	65
18. Coronary disease, angina ...	147		25	39	27	91		6	16	34	56
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	15		3			3			2	10	12
20. Other heart disease ...	152	1	8	12	40	61		4	17	70	91
21. Other circulatory disease ...	35		3	6	9	18	1	7	2	7	17
22. Influenza ...	7			2	1	3				4	4
23. Pneumonia ...	27	1	3	3	8	15	1	1	1	9	12
24. Bronchitis ...	26		3	4	11	18		2	3	3	8
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	8		1	3	3	7				1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	3		1	1		2			1		1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	3							1		2	3
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ...	3		1			1				2	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	4			2	2	4					
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...											
31. Congenital malformations .	2	1	1			2					
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	54	3	2	5	10	20	3	4	6	21	34
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	8	3	1	1	1	6			1	1	2
34. All other accidents ...	13	2	2	1	3	8				5	5
35. Suicide ...	8	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	1		4
36. Homicide and operations of war ...											
<b>TOTAL</b> ...	<b>775</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>385</b>



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

#### CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE :

COUNCILLOR W. F. BEWLEY, C.B.E., D.Sc., V.M.H.

#### STAFF

##### *Medical Officer of Health :*

FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

##### *Chief Public Health Inspector :*

E. T. OATES (a), (b), (c), (d).

##### *Public Health Inspectors :*

B. ROSSITER (a), (b).

A. R. MOORES (a).

K. AUTY (a), (b).

C. R. HAYWARD (a).

#### Qualifications :

- (a) Certificate of Royal Society of Health and S.I.E. Joint Board (Public Health Inspector) *or* Certificate of Public Health Inspectors Education Board.
- (b) Certificate of Royal Society of Health (Meat and Food Inspector).
- (c) Fellow of Association of Public Health Inspectors.
- (d) Associate Member of the Institute of Public Cleansing.

##### *Rodent Operators :*

A. HOATH.              F. W. PARSONS.

#### CLERICAL STAFF

This consists of four Clerks, of whom Miss Harding is the Chief. The Medical Officer of Health also has a part-time Secretary, Miss Woodroffe.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Littlehampton Urban District, and Assistant County Medical Officer.

### Services provided by West Sussex County Council

#### *Nursing.*

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area. Lists, showing their names and addresses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, or offices of Local District Councils, and the Health Department, County Hall, Chichester.



### *Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.*

Child Welfare Clinics were held in the district as follows :

		No. of children attending	Total Attendances
Angmering ... .. (Village Hall)	Tues. 2.30 p.m. (1st & 3rd in month)	90	447
East Preston ... .. (Conservative Hall)	Thurs. 2.30 p.m. (Weekly)	257	988
Lancing ... .. (Health Centre)	Weds. 2.30 p.m. Fridays 2.30 p.m. (Weekly).	629	5,417
Rustington ... .. (Village Hall)	Weds. 2.30 p.m. (Weekly)	167	929

In addition, centres at Littlehampton and Arundel were available for residents adjoining these urban areas.

### *Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics.*

Lancing (Health Centre). General Practitioners' Sessions.

Tuesday 2 p.m. (weekly).

Thursday 3 p.m. (1st, 2nd and 3rd in month).

Attendances were as follows :

		ANTE-NATAL		POST-NATAL	
		No. of women attending	Total attendances	No. of women attending	Total attendances
Lancing	...	123	399	20	20

Free dental treatment is available for expectant and nursing mothers at the Dental Clinics.

A Family Planning Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Centre, and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Centre, Bognor Regis.

### *School Clinics.*

The district is served by the following :

(a) Minor Ailments	}	Littlehampton and Lancing Health Centres.
(b) Eyes		
(c) Dental		
(d) Orthopædic		
(e) Physiotherapy		
(f) Speech Therapy		Lancing and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centres, and Littlehampton Health Centre as required.

### *Ambulance Service.*

Acting as agents for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

### *Health Education.*

The County Council are responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors, both in the homes and at the Clinics.

### *Mental Health.*

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

### *Home Help Service.*

This continued to be carried on by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council.

The W.V.S. provide a Meals-on-Wheels service for old people. The western area is covered from Littlehampton and the eastern area from Lancing. At Lancing meals are provided at Chesham House where a total of 14,318 were prepared, of which 8,057 were delivered to old people in their homes and 6,261 were consumed at Chesham House.

## **Hospital and Specialist Services**

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton.

### *Chest Clinics.*

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

### *Venereal Diseases.*

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

## **Nursing Homes**

There is one private nursing home in the district registered with the County Council.

## **General Medical and Dental Services**

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 175, Broyle Road, Chichester.

## **Laboratory Facilities**

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens :

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.

The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

## **Mortuary**

The Rural District Council provide a Mortuary at Lancing. This mortuary provides the basic essentials only and falls far short of the requirements of an ideal modern mortuary. The expense involved would hardly be justified in a mortuary with such a small throughput.

The number of bodies entering the mortuary during the year was 20.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948**

### **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951**

#### **Section 47**

It was not necessary to take action under this Section during the year.

#### **Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead**

No action under this Section was necessary during the year.



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### 1. WATER SUPPLY

Thirteen of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains water supply. Three Parishes have Mains water supply by way of statutory undertakers, and one by supplies from private sources.

The following extensions of mains have been made during the year :

(i) **By Worthing Corporation in the Rural District in the Parish of:**  
**Sompting**           ...       4in diameter           ...       133 yards.

(ii) **By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of:**  
**Lancing.**

Willow Close (431 Brighton Road, Lancing)			
	3in. diameter	...	95 yds.
Cul-de-sac off Boundstone Lane, Lancing			
	3in. diameter	...	124 yds.
Orient Road	...	4in. diameter	... 16 yds.
Mill Road	...	6in. diameter	... 41 yds.
		9in. diameter	... 857 yds.
Annweir Avenue	...	3in. diameter	... 146 yds.
		4in. diameter	... 10 yds.
Hoe Court Road	...	3in. diameter	... 42 yds.
North Road, Meadow Lane	3in. diameter	...	159 yds.
Kings Close (off Freshbrook Road)			
	4in. diameter	...	81 yds.
Ingleside Crescent	...	4in. diameter	... 49 yds.
West Lane	...	4in. diameter	... 54 yds.

The quantity of water for public consumption was satisfactory.

The quality was also satisfactory except for an inadequate amount of fluoride present.

Brighton Corporation supply the Parish of Lancing, the North-West Sussex Joint Water Board supply the Parish of Houghton and a small part of the Parish of Findon. The Fitzalan Howard Estates Company Limited supply Burpham, Warningcamp and South Stoke, and the Worthing Corporation Undertaking the remaining 12 Parishes except for the Parish of Coombes, which has a private supply, and part of the Parish of Rustington which has a private mains supply from the Rustington Sea Estate.

The following table shows the results of 55 samples of water taken by this Authority and sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination:—



Arundel Estate Supply:—				Satisfactory.	Not satisfactory.
Swanbourne Lake Well	...	...	...	5	0
Rustington Sea Estate Supply	...	...	...	1	0
Littlehampton U.D.C. supply	...	...	...	2	0
Worthing Corporation (Patching Well)	...	...	...	5	0
Worthing Corporation (Broadwater Well)	...	...	...	3	0
Brighton Corporation	...	...	...	4	0
North-West Sussex Joint Water Board (Findon)	...	...	...	0	0
Private Mains—Church Farm and Applesham Farm, Coombes	...	...	...	2	0
Individual Wells	...	...	...	25	5
Streamside, Coombes (land spring in “Ladywells”)	...	...	...	2	0
Rainwater (Duchess Lodge)	...	...	...	0	1

One sample was submitted for chemical examination from an individual well, which proved satisfactory.

In the case of the unsatisfactory samples obtained from individual wells, following the cleansing of filters and other incidental works, further samples proved satisfactory.

The Water Undertakings also sample the water frequently. The Worthing Corporation Undertaking took an average of 19 bacteriological and six chemical samples per month in Worthing Rural District. One chemical and one bacteriological were unsatisfactory after treatment. They occurred on a Nursery and the cause was soon located and immediately remedied.

A constant watch is being maintained on the water to ensure its safety, so that the chances of any waterborne outbreak are reduced to a minimum.

#### WATER SUPPLIED:

Parish	(a) Direct to house	Popu- lation	(b) Rain- water	Popu- lation	(c) Wells	Pop.
Angmering .....	945	2,523	4	10	28	70
Burpham .....	73	202	0	0	0	0
Clapham .....	99	296	0	0	0	0
Coombes .....	15	48	1	3	4	10
East Preston .....	1,486	3,920	0	0	1	3
Ferring .....	1,647	3,528	0	0	11	28
Findon .....	541	1,514	1	3	2	5
Houghton .....	41	117	4	10	4	10
Kingston .....	174	417	0	0	13	33
Lancing .....	5,444	14,245	1	3	0	0
Lyminster .....	87	337	1	3	0	0
Patching .....	78	258	0	0	0	0
Poling .....	61	326	0	0	0	0
Rustington .....	2,348	5,601	0	0	3	8
Sompting .....	2,295	5,171	0	0	2	5
South Stoke .....	20	67	1	3	3	8
Warningcamp ...	57	212	0	0	1	3
<b>Total :</b>	15,411	38,782	13	35	72	183

No houses are supplied by stand pipes.

## **2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE**

### **(a) Western Area**

The sewerage system serving the Parishes of East Preston, Angmering, Rustington, Kingston and Ferring, discharges to the sea through storage tanks at Kingston on the ebb tide at a point 500 yards below high water mark. The system functioned satisfactorily throughout the whole of the year. The sewage from this area is passed through the system by means of ejectors and pumping stations, and upon reception at the Works is screened.

### **(b) Eastern Area**

The system at Lancing functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. Here all sewers gravitate to pumping stations, from whence sewage is pumped by pumping main to the Worthing Borough sewage disposal works, where, after treatment, it is discharged to the sea.

In order to improve efficiency, duplication of pumps and modernisation of the three pumping stations on the Haslar Estate was planned and should be carried out in 1963. The installation of a new chlorinator at Old Salts to replace the existing one, which is at least 25 years old, is also planned for 1963.

In order to improve the state of the sewers the Council made arrangements to try terrasealing and a start has been made in Manor Road, Lancing.

## **3. PUBLIC CLEANSING**

### **(a) House Refuse Collection**

Refuse is collected weekly from the 17 Parishes in the District, and, in addition, litter bins and baskets were provided along the 5½ miles of beach frontage and through the shopping areas. These latter are emptied twice weekly. The Council is at the moment making arrangements to provide both litter baskets and litter bins at Recreation Grounds, at 'bus stops and along highway verges, at car parks and in public and private open spaces.

There is also a regular collection of wastepaper and other salvage from shops and other business premises. The work is carried out by a fleet of refuse collection vehicles of modern design.

### **(b) House Refuse Disposal**

The new refuse disposal Depot at Halewick Lane, Sompting, has been in operation throughout the year. Several difficulties were experienced in the early months, but by the end of the year most of them had been overcome and the Depot was in full operational use.



It is here that the whole of the refuse from Shoreham, Southwick, and Portslade Urban Districts is received and disposed of, together with that from the Eastern Parishes of the Worthing Rural District. At the moment, as a temporary measure, excavations made for the purpose of obtaining clay are being filled in on request in the Western Area by controlled tipping practice. When this work is completed the whole of the refuse will be sent to Halewick Depot.

The process of handling refuse at the Depot is by separation and pulverisation. The pulverised material is tipped in a valley adjacent to the Depot.

### (c) Cesspools

The cesspool emptying service has continued to operate successfully throughout the year.

## 4. RIVERS AND STREAMS

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

## 5. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were two Swimming Pools situated respectively at Mallondene, Broadmark Lane, Rustington, and at the North Lancing County Secondary Modern School. Samples of the pool water were taken at Mallondene and at the School. In all cases they were satisfactory.

The pool at Mallondene may be regarded as a public swimming pool since it is at a holiday centre.

The pools at Mallondene and at the School are both in the open air. The source of water is from the public mains, the method of treatment is by continuous filtration through a pressure filter, and chlorination by continuous process. The water is not changed, but added to as necessary.

## 6. SCHOOLS

No. of County Schools in the District ...	...	13
No. with public water supply ...	...	13
No. with water closets (separate pedestal) ...	...	13

There are several private schools in the District, all of which have modern sanitation and satisfactory water supplies.

The new public sewer referred to last year was completed and the drainage from the school now discharges into it.

**SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA**  
**SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE**  
**DURING THE YEAR**

Houses under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	84
Housing Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	971
Houses inspected for overcrowding	...	...	...	...	5
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	...	...	...	...	74
Public Health Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	340
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	...	...	...	...	845
Animals' premises	...	...	...	...	20
Complaints investigated	...	...	...	...	188
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	20
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	5,585
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	10
Inspections of Camping Sites	...	...	...	...	87
Inspections of Movable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	19
Visits to obtain samples of water	...	...	...	...	72
Visits for interviews with owners, agents, etc.	...	...	...	...	569
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	...	...	...	...	1,397
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	793
Rag Flock Act	...	...	...	...	2
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	19
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	18
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	...	4
Premises requiring disinfestation	...	...	...	...	62
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	472
Knacker's yard	...	...	...	...	1
Meat shops, stalls and vehicles	...	...	...	...	400
Fish shops	...	...	...	...	130
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	64
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	86
Hotel kitchens	...	...	...	...	95
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	408
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	38
Factories where mechanical power is used	...	...	...	...	50
Factories where mechanical power is not used	...	...	...	...	3
Outworkers' premises	...	...	...	...	9
Workplaces and offices	...	...	...	...	18
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	76
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	130
Agricultural Welfare Act	...	...	...	...	13
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	0
Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	29

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**Total number of inspections made**    13,206

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## SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED AS A RESULT OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE INSPECTIONS

(a) Statutory	Notices served	Notices complied with	Notices outstanding
1. Demolition Orders made under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	0	0	3
Demolition Orders served under Section 17 (i) of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	2	6	5
2. Under Section 18 of the Hous- ing Act, 1957. Closing Order under Section 17 (i) of the Housing Act, 1957. Closing Order ... ..	0	0	2
Under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936. Closing Order in respect of part of a Building ...	1	0	2
3. Under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... ..	4	0	4
4. Under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Nuisances) under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Drains) ...	2	0	3
Under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Animals kept so as to be a nuisance) ...	0	1	0
Under Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Animals kept so as to be a nuisance) ...	1	0	1
(b) Preliminary			
1. To execute works under the Housing Acts ... ..	49	60	33
2. To abate overcrowding ...	2	1	2
3. To execute works under Public Health Acts ... ..	37	38	39
4. To abate nuisances ... ..	86	95	82
5. To remedy contraventions of Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ... ..	667	692	4
6. To abate contraventions at Food Premises ... ..	53	61	33
7. To remedy contraventions at Bakehouses ... ..	5	4	2
8. To abate contraventions of Factories Act ... ..	1	1	1

	Notices served	Notices complied with	Notices outstanding
9. To abate contraventions of Shops Act ... ..	0	1	0
10. To abate contraventions of Petroleum Acts ... ..	17	16	4
11. To abate contraventions at Animals' Premises ... ..	4	5	1
12. To abate contraventions at Verminous Premises ... ..	7	6	4
13. To abate contraventions of the Water Act, 1945 . . . . .	0	0	1
14. To abate contraventions of the Clean Air Act, 1958 ... ..	2	2	1
15. To abate contraventions at Workshops and Offices ... ..	1	2	0

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Houses demolished ... ..	13
Houses redrained to Council's sewer ... ..	13
Cesspools abolished ... ..	9
Houses redrained defective ... ..	29
Houses where drains repaired ... ..	9
Intercepting traps provided ... ..	18
Ventilation shafts fixed and repaired ... ..	27
Inspection chambers constructed ... ..	52
Inspection chambers repaired ... ..	2
Obstruction removed from drains ... ..	26
Additional W.C.s constructed ... ..	31
Defective W.C. pans and traps renewed or repaired ... ..	4
W.C.s provided with flushing cisterns and water supply ... ..	7
Flushing cisterns repaired and renewed ... ..	1
Houses provided with new cesspools ... ..	9
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains ... ..	5
Wash-hand basins renewed ... ..	0

Soakaways provided	...	...	...	...	...	8
Earth closets abolished	...	...	...	...	...	19
Wells cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	0
Houses provided with mains water supply	...	...	...	...	...	3
Additional water taps provided	...	...	...	...	...	53
Houses provided with sinks	...	...	...	...	...	9
Defective sinks renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	28
New sink waste pipes provided or old repaired	...	...	...	...	...	53
Rooms stripped, cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	148
Ceilings stripped, cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	150
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	111
Windows provided or enlarged	...	...	...	...	...	34
Fasteners and stays provided to windows	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rooms where wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	119
External walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	83
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	68
Ceilings provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	39
Stoves and fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	45
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	39
Rooms where dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	43
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	...	...	28
Paving to yards repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	26
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	25
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	26
Premises disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	62
Refuse receptacles provided	...	...	...	...	...	11
Food stores provided	...	...	...	...	...	24
Sewage installations provided	...	...	...	...	...	5
Rooms ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sculleries provided	...	...	...	...	...	6
Staircases renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	18
Handrails provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
Electric lighting provided	...	...	...	...	...	20
Bathrooms provided	...	...	...	...	...	28
Fuel Stores provided	...	...	...	...	...	19
Hot water services provided	...	...	...	...	...	37
Cooking facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	25
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	65
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1,756



# Factories Act, 1937

## 1. Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	3	1	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	88	50	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	0	0	0	0
Total ...	98	53	1	0

## 2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors .	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences .	1	1	—	—	—
Total ...	2	2	—	—	—

Some of the defects which were remedied were outstanding at the beginning of the year. At the end of the year there was one Notice still outstanding.

There were 17 Outworkers in the District (Wearing Apparel).



**Shop Acts, 1950**

No. of shops in the district	...	...	...	...	499
No. of inspections of shops	...	...	...	...	76
No. of shops where contraventions found	...	...	...	...	0
No. of shops where contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	1

**Workplaces and Offices**

No. of Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	67
No. of Offices	...	...	...	...	...	48
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	18
No. of contraventions found	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of premises where contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	...	2

**Byelaws as to Hairdressers and Barbers**

These Byelaws came into operation in May, 1962, whereupon a letter was addressed to all persons operating businesses of this nature, drawing their attention to this fact and inviting them to obtain a copy, and further informing them that an inspection would be made in due course to see whether the Byelaws were being fully complied with.

Twenty-nine premises were concerned and all these had been inspected by the end of the year. In all cases it was found that the Byelaws had been complied with in their entirety and that no action was needed.

**Common Lodging Houses**

There are no Common Lodging Houses registered in the District.

**Movable Dwellings**

*Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269.*

*Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.*

The operation of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, throughout the year has been satisfactory.

During the year 87 visits were made to Camping Sites and 19 to individual movable dwellings.

There are nine Camping Sites in the District, with accommodation for 764 caravans. Each of these Sites is fully provided with all the amenities normally expected, that is to say, sanitary annexe comprising baths, wash-basins, water-borne sanitation, laundry facilities and drying area, metalled roadways, hard standings, ample waterpoints from the public mains supply.

In addition to the above, there are three small Sites providing accommodation for six caravans and 40 single Sites whereon there are stationed individual caravans. Thus the total number of caravans in the District is 810.

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs**

No infestation was found during the year.

### **Clean Air Act, 1956**

Ten inspections were made at premises coming within the scope of the above Act. Eight complaints were in respect of garden bonfires, one in respect of smoke coming from the chimney of a bungalow and one in respect of fumes from an oil-fired boiler in a dwelling. All these complaints were dealt with satisfactorily.

During the year one certificate of exemption under Sub-section 2 of Section 2 of the Act was renewed in respect of premises where complete reconstruction of the heating and boiler plants was proposed.

Five applications for the approval of furnace installations for the purposes of Section 111 (ii) of the Act were approved and the Certificates issued.

### **Pet Animals Act, 1951**

Number of premises licensed ...	...	...	...	4
Number of inspections made ...	...	...	...	19
Number of contraventions found	...	...	...	0

### **Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951**

Number of premises registered	...	...	...	2
Number of inspections made ...	...	...	...	2
Number of contraventions found	...	...	...	0

Two samples of filling material were submitted for analysis and were found to be satisfactory.

### **Mosquitoes**

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

### **Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949**

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out:—

Number of inspections made ...	...	...	...	934
Number of reinspections made	...	...	...	4,651
Complaints made by the public	...	...	...	479
Infestations found as a result of above	...	...	...	480
Infestations found by the Public Health Department.	...	...	...	187
Total number of premises where nuisances found	...	...	...	667

#### **Premises where nuisances remedied:—**

Rats: Reservoir	...	0
Major	...	0
Minor	...	662
Mice: Major	...	0
Minor	...	30

TOTAL ... 692

No. of block control operations (2 or more premises). 64

No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee ... 0

### **Summary**

Total number of rats found dead	...	...	...	670
Total number of mice found dead	...	...	...	260



## SECTION D

### HOUSING

#### Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1962	...	...	...	...	809
Total number of applications received during 1962	.				276
Total number of families re-housed during 1962	...				105
Total number of transfers during 1962	...	...			46

#### New Houses erected during 1962

During the year 529 houses were erected, 501 by private enterprise and 28 by the Local Authority.

A further 52 housing units were under construction at the end of the year by the Local Authority.

The number of new Council houses erected since the war, up to the end of 1962, was 1,251, bringing the total Council house and flat accommodation up to 1,860 units.

#### Summary of Council Properties as at 31st December, 1962

			Pre-War	Post-War	Total
Five Bedroom Houses	...	...	1	—	1
Four Bedroom Houses	...	...	41	52	93
Three Bedroom Houses	...	...	425	660	1,085
Two Bedroom Houses	...	...	117	152	269
Three Bedroom Flats	...	...	—	61	61
Two Bedroom Flats	...	...	—	94	94
One Bedroom Flats	...	...	—	7	7
Bed-Sitter Flats	...	...	—	81	81
Two Bedroom Bungalows	...	...	—	24	24
Aged Persons Bungalows	...	...	15	128	143
Miscellaneous	...	...	2	—	2
			601	1,259	1,860

The position of the pre-war Council houses is as follows:—

197 are without piped domestic hot water; 591 properties have baths and bathrooms.

10 bungalows are without baths and domestic hot water supply.

202 pre-war Council houses have wash-hand basins.

The Council have decided to modernise a further 44 pre-war Council houses during 1963.

#### Overcrowding

During the year one new case of overcrowding was reported. One case of overcrowding was abated, involving nine people. At the end of the year there were still two overcrowded dwellings, involving two families and 16 persons.



## Unfit Houses Programme

Three houses were added to the list so that at December 31st, 1962, the total programme comprised 514 houses. The position on the 31st December, 1962, regarding houses in the Unfit Houses Programme was as follows:—

Number of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders ... ..	40
Number of houses demolished where previously closed on Undertakings ... ..	14
Number of houses demolished following informal action ... ..	28
Number of houses where Closing Orders made ...	6
Number of houses closed following Undertaking not to re-let ... ..	35
Number of houses where part closed ... ..	2
Number of houses where Undertaking given to make fit ... ..	26
Number of houses made fit after formal action ...	73
Number of houses made fit after informal action .	219
Number of houses made fit—Demolition Order revoked ... ..	10
Number of houses where no further action to be taken ... ..	1
Number of houses where action is still necessary .	60
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TOTAL ... ..	514
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The number of houses remaining with apparently no action taken is reduced from 82 to 60, and an analysis of the state respecting these houses is set out below:—

Owner submitting scheme for reconditioning ...	26
Houses occupied by very elderly tenant—action deferred during his lifetime ... ..	2
Works of reconditioning in progress ... ..	3
Demolition Orders operative—owner submitting proposals ... ..	4
Houses to be put out of use when owner/occupier vacates ... ..	1
Demolition Orders operative—Council permitting temporary use as store ... ..	4
Derelict property ... ..	1
Further action required ... ..	19
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TOTAL ... ..	60

## HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

### (a) Discretionary Grant

Number of applications received ...	...	29
Number of applications approved ...	...	25 including 4 from 1961
Number of applications awaiting decision .		5
Number of applications rejected ...	...	2
Number of applications withdrawn	...	1

The total number of houses which have been reconditioned with the assistance of grant since these facilities became available is 171, including seven cases of two houses being converted to one, and work is in progress at 11 houses.

The value of works of improvement and repair approved during the year was £23,384. 17s. 6d., and the amount of grant made in respect of these houses was £6,452. 10s. 0d.

Of the 171 houses which have been improved with the assistance of grant, 57 were occupied by their owners, 24 were weekly tenancies, and 90 were occupied by agricultural workers.

### (b) Standard Grants

During the year nine applications were received and approved, works were completed in 10 cases and the grant paid; this included one from 1961.

The total number of applications approved since Standard Grants became available is 44, of which 36 were in respect of houses occupied by their owners, seven occupied by weekly tenants, and one by an agricultural worker.

The following amenities were provided during 1962:—

Bathroom.	Wash-hand basin in bathroom.	Hot water supply.	Water closet.	Foodstore.
4	6	10	3	1

The maximum grant permissible in all these cases was £1,010, but by virtue of the fact that the total cost of the works was less than the permitted maximum, the amount of grant actually paid was £804. 6s. 4d.

## SECTION E

## FOOD

## CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(1) The number of food premises in the area is as follows:—

Bakehouses	...	...	12
Grocery and Provisions	...	...	89
Greengrocers	...	...	31
Fish Shops	...	...	9
Meat Shops	...	...	28
Cafés and Restaurants	...	...	43
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	35
Canteen Kitchens	...	...	27
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	134 (actually selling Ice Cream)
Licensed Premises	...	...	54

(2) The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act is as follows:—

Sale of sausages, cooked meats, etc.	...	...	18
Sale of meat pies, cooked hams .	...	...	4
Preparation of preserved food for sale .	...	...	1
Preparation of sandwiches and snacks, teas and light refreshments for sale .	...	...	5
Preparation of cooked foods and fried fish for sale	...	...	5
Preparations of food for sale	...	...	7
Sale of Ice Cream	...	...	179 (not all selling)
Delicatessen shop	...	...	1
TOTAL	...	...	220

(3) The number of inspections of registered food premises is not kept separately; the number of inspections carried out at food premises is as follows:—

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	472
Meat Shops	...	...	...	396
Fish Shops	...	...	...	130
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	64
Restaurants	...	...	...	86
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	95
Other food premises	...	...	...	408
Vehicles	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	38
TOTAL	...	...	...	1,693



As a result of these inspections contraventions were found at 50 premises, and were found to have been remedied at 84 premises, including some from the previous year. The nature of the actual contraventions remedied was as follows:—

Structural defects remedied	...	...	...	14
Washing facilities (personal)	...	...	...	14
Sinks provided (equipment)	...	...	...	9
Hot water facilities provided	...	...	...	10
Periodic cleansing carried out	...	...	...	23
Refuse storage facilities provided/improved				5
Clothing accommodation provided	...	...	...	6
First aid materials provided	...	...	...	9
Other contraventions remedied	...	...	...	25
Lighting improved	...	...	...	4
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	7
Sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	...	1
TOTAL				127

(4) Meat condemned as unfit for human consumption at the only slaughterhouse in the District is disposed of for manufacturing purposes.

### **The Retailing of Quick Frozen Foods**

Following on the work done in the previous year, constant observation was kept upon frozen food cabinets operated by food retailers in the District. Any departure from the Code of Practice was quickly drawn to the attention of the person concerned, and it is true to say that having once understood the importance of keeping frozen food cabinets at the correct temperature, not overloading them, and carrying out regular de-frosting, their full co-operation was received, with a result that it was not necessary to take any serious action throughout the year.

## **INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD**

### **MILK**

#### **Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959**

#### **Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960**

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960, transferred the responsibility for the licensing of retailers of designated milks

to the Food and Drugs Authority, which in this District is the West Sussex County Council, leaving the Council with the responsibility for the registration of distributors only.

No. of Distributors registered in the District at 31.12.62 ... 43

### **Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year**

Five samples of Tuberculin Tested milk were reported upon by other Local Authorities. All satisfied the Animal Inoculation Test for tubercle bacilli, but in one sample *Brucella Abortus* was isolated.

### **ICE CREAM**

The control of the sale and manufacture of Ice Cream under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947/59, again proved generally satisfactory.

No. of premises registered for manufacture .	...	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale		16
No. of premises registered for retail only	... ..	163
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold		64
No. of premises registered for storage only	...	1

Of the 52 samples taken:—46 were Grade 1; 6 were Grade 2.

### **MEAT**

The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is centralised in one slaughterhouse in the District. The amount of throughput has so increased that it was necessary to require additional lairage accommodation for live animals and hanging space for carcasses. The owner of the slaughterhouse has put this work in hand, and in addition is providing an office for the Meat Inspectors.

No difficulty has been experienced generally in connection with the work of meat inspection, except that much overtime has to be done. However, the owner of the slaughterhouse has submitted new slaughtering hours which has reduced the hours of overtime considerably, and it is hoped that during the coming year the throughput will be much better controlled.

The arrangements made with respect to the disposal of carcasses of diseased animals and offal is by sale to fertiliser or soap manufacturers, and the refund of the value to the owner concerned.



## Carcases Inspected and Condemned

The following table is a summary of the number of animals killed and the amount of meat surrendered:—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed ... ..	980	0	309	2,969	2,167	0
Number inspected ... ..	980	0	309	2,969	2,167	0
All diseases except T.B. and Cysticerci—						
Whole carcases condemned...	0	0	0	1	21	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .	92	0	1	107	251	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci ... ..	9.38 %	—	0.32 %	3.63 %	12.55 %	—
Tuberculosis only—						
Whole carcases condemned...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .	0	0	0	0	17	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	0.78 %	—
Cysticercosis—						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned...	10	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally con- demned ... ..	0	0	0	0	0	0

Continued inspections of deliveries of meat to shops were carried out. The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

Affected with Tuberculosis: Bovine	...	...	Nil.
Pigs	...	...	249 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs			Nil.
Affected with other Diseases: Bovine	...	...	1,948 lbs.
Pigs	...	...	2,622 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs			218 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

## Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops

No. of Slaughterhouses in the District	...	...	...	1
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	...	...	...	1
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	472
No. of Meat Shops in the District	...	...	...	28
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	...	...	...	396
No. of Vehicles inspected	...	...	...	4
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws	...	...	...	10
No. of Notices complied with	...	...	...	33



## Knacker's Yard

The Knacker's Yard in the District continues to operate satisfactorily and the standard of cleanliness, equipment, and structural condition is well maintained.

## BAKEHOUSES

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least twice.

No. of Bakehouses in District	...	...	...	...	12
No. underground	...	...	...	...	0
No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	38
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	...	...	...	...	5
No. of Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	4

## OTHER FOODS

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations:—

No. of parcels of food surrendered	...	...	...	18
No. of seizures	...	...	...	0

Forty certificates were issued to traders so as to enable them to obtain compensation and replacement of their loss.

In some cases tinned foods are returned to the supplier for investigation as to the cause of unsoundness, and in others the tins are disposed of by the Public Cleansing Service of the Council. Perishable foods found to be unsound are removed and destroyed forthwith.

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered:—

Mixed frozen foods	...	...	...	95 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	52 lbs.
Meat (tinned)	...	...	...	55 lbs.
Fruit (tinned)	...	...	...	4 lbs.
Vegetables (tinned)	...	...	...	5 lbs.
Rice (tinned)	...	...	...	1 lb.
Cream and milk (tinned)	...	...	...	6 ozs.
Evaporated milk	...	...	...	2 pints.
Prawns	...	...	...	1 gallon.
Sachets of fruit juice	...	...	...	1,921 lbs.

## SHELL FISH

There are no shell fish beds or layings in the District.

## SECTION F

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

#### Notifiable Diseases

		Und. 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	...	—	3	4	—	—	—	7	—
Whooping Cough ...	...	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—
Measles ...	...	1	20	18	2	1	1	43	—
Dysentery ...	...	—	6	1	—	1	—	8	3
Pneumonia ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Rubella ...	...	6	45	139	94	64	34	382	—
Food Poisoning ...	...	—	1	—	—	—	2	3	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	—	—	—	—	10	9	19	19*

\* Of the 19 cases notified from Zachary Merton Maternity Hospital, only two cases were residents of Worthing Rural District.

#### NOTIFICATIONS 1953-1962

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Measles	594	22	223	61	114	278	427	198	310	43
Whooping Ch.	50	123	77	24	39	4	2	21	20	2
Scarlet Fever	56	17	16	9	14	18	46	15	11	7
Poliomyelitis	7	1	2	5	2	—	1	—	—	—

The last case of Diphtheria was in 1949. Between 1940 and 1949 there were 23 cases, and in the period 1933 to 1939 there were 144 cases.

### TUBERCULOSIS

#### New Cases and Mortality

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 and upwards	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals ...	4	4	—	—	—	2	—	—

There were no cases of the following diseases, which are also notifiable:—

Anthrax	Membranous	Paratyphoid
Cholera	Croup	Ac. Poliomyelitis
Diphtheria	Meningococcal	Plague
Encephalitis	Infection	Relapsing Fever
Enteric Fever	Ophthalmia	Smallpox
Erysipelas	Neonatorum	Typhus
Malaria		

### IMMUNISATION

During the year the following immunisations were carried out in the District:—

#### *Diphtheria :*

Primary Injections	...	...	6
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	84

#### *Diphtheria and Whooping Cough :*

Primary Injections	...	...	0
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	1

#### *Diphtheria and Tetanus :*

Primary Injections	...	...	41
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	102

#### *Triple Antigen :*

Primary Injections	...	...	256
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	98

### **Poliomyelitis Vaccination**

Initial Vaccination of two injections or three doses of oral vaccine			435
Reinforcing procedures	...	...	1,369

### **Smallpox Vaccination**

Primary Vaccination	...	...	657
Re-vaccinations	...	...	1,641

Rubella (German Measles) was the only notifiable disease which occurred in any great magnitude. This is generally a mild disease, but unfortunately can effect the developing baby in an expectant mother contracting the disease in the first three months of pregnancy. The general practitioners were all alert to this fact and whenever possible expectant mothers, if under three months pregnant, were offered gamma globulin if they were contacts of Rubella. This gives them some protection against getting the disease. As a result of measures taken, I have no record of any expectant mother getting Rubella in the danger period.



There was a small Dysentery outbreak, caused by *Shigella sonnei*, in a Children's Home at Lancing. The organisms were tested for sensitivity to drugs and a suitable drug was found to give to all the staff and children to prevent the spread and eliminate the disease.

There were three notified cases of Food Poisoning. One was one of the Dysentery cases at the Children's Home. One was a man who was admitted to hospital with staphylococcal food poisoning from sandwiches prepared some time previously. The other case was a woman with symptoms of food poisoning for which no cause was found.

Tuberculosis is becoming less of a menace every year, but it can still be a very serious disease and it is essential that whenever a case occurs all contacts are investigated to find the source of infection. The number of cases on the Tuberculosis register fell from 95 in 1961 to 50 in 1962. The number of new cases from 1958-62 was 48, from 1953-57 was 74, and from 1948-52 was 128. Many factors are responsible for the reduction of cases. The use of effective drugs in treatment, the early detection of cases by Mass X-ray, the tracing of contacts, and the use of B.C.G. vaccination for school children and contacts of cases. In this area the parents have wisely responded well and a high percentage of children receive B.C.G. vaccination before leaving school.

You will see from the table of notifications for the last 10 years that Diphtheria, thanks to continued immunisation, has not occurred, Whooping Cough is on the decline, and Poliomyelitis has almost been eliminated. As long as there is only a small number of children unprotected, the risk of epidemics of these diseases is small.

Of the non-notifiable diseases, the various respiratory infections were as prevalent as ever, but of greater nuisance was Epidemic Vomiting Disease, which was common throughout the District. It was apparent in many instances that one attack did not confer immunity against a subsequent one. At one school, nearly every child and member of staff were affected and many of them had recurrences several weeks later. I am certain that the infection at this school was airborne, but as yet no germ has been discovered as responsible for this illness.